# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## **FISCAL NOTE**

### HB 978 - SB 1184

February 26, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Limits the economic damages a claimant in any civil action for personal injury or wrongful death can recover to economic damages for medical and other costs of health care that (1) have actually been paid by or on behalf of the claimant; (2) are necessary to satisfy unpaid charges for medical and other costs of health care that have been incurred but not yet satisfied by or on behalf of the claimant; or (3) are necessary to satisfy future medical charges proven by expert testimony.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

#### Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the change would have no effect on the caseloads of the state trial and appellate courts.
- Any costs incurred to manage the caseloads of the state and local courts will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing judicial resources.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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